THE APPROPRIATION (RAILWAYS) No. 2 BILL, 1998

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR):

Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of India to meet the amounts spent on certain services for the purposes of Railways during the financial year ended on the 31st day of March, 1996, in excess of the amounts for those services and for that year, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI): We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 and 3 and the Schedule were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI NITISH KUMAR: Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Bill be returned."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

[Mr. Chairman in the Chair]

सदन के नेता (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त): सदर साहब, जैसा कि तय हुआ था आडवाणी जी पांच बजे से यहां आकर बैठे हैं। वे गुजरात गए थे और जो कुछ भी उन्होंने वहां पर देखा है उस पर अपने आब्जर्वेशन्स यहां पेश करेंगे। लेकिन फारमल बयान तो जो नोडल मिनिस्ट्री है सोमपाल जी की, उनकी तरफ से ही आएगा। अगर मेम्बर्स चाहेंगे तो आडवाणी जी भी यहां बोलने के लिए बैठे हैं।

†† ایتا سدن "شری سکندر بخت" صدر صاحب، جیسا کہ طے ہوا ہے آڈوانی جی پانچ بجے سے یہاں آکر بیٹھے ہیں۔ وہ گجرات گئے تھے اور جو کچھ بھی انھوں نے وہاں دیکھا ہے اس پر اپنے آبزرویشنس یہاں پیش کریں گے لیکن فارمل بیان تو جو نوڈل منسٹری ہے سو میال جی کی انکی طرف سے ہی آئے گا۔ اگر ممبرس چاہیں گے تو آڈوانی جی بھی یہاں بولنے کے لئے بیٹھے ہیں۔

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Latest Position of the situation caused by recent Cyclonic Storm in Gujarat and Rajasthan

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I seek leave of the House to make a statement on the latest situation caused by the cyclonic storm in some parts of Gujarat and Rajasthan.

Shri L.K. Advani, Hon'ble Home Minister paid a visit on 11-6-1998 to the severely affected parts of Gujarat to make an on the spot assessment as well as rescue and relief operations being undertaken.

The cyclonic storm which crossed over to the Gujarat coast at Porbandar on the 9th of June in the morning, caused extensive damage in parts of the districts of Kutch, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Porbandar, Junagadh, Amreli, Bhavnagar, Banaskantha, Surat, Bharuch, Valsad and Navsari. The damage to life and property has been particularly severe in the districts of Kutch, Jamnagar and Porbandar, especially in the Kandla areas of Kutch district. The death toll, as reported by the State Government in the

†† [Transilteration in Arabic Script